GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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CONVERSION OF FOREST VILLAGE INTO REVENUE VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Assam to convert ali the recognized forest villages into revenue villages within the Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD) in Assam;

(b) if so, the details about the action taken so far in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government proposes to provide adequate amount of Central fund directly to the local Government of BTAD to help facilitate afforestation;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (c) No proposal has been received from the Government of Assam for conversion of forest villages into revenue villages.

(d) to (f) No Sir. However, National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme is being implemented on a 100% central funding basis during the 10th five year Plan. This scheme is being implemented through decentralized set up of the Forest Development Agency (FDA) at the forest division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at the village level. Funds are provided directly to Forest Development Agencies. As per information received from the Assam Forest Department, Kachugaon, Haltugaon, Dhubri, Aie Valley, North Kamrup (part) and Darrang (part) FDAs fall within Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD). These FDA projects are being implemented at a total cost of Rs. 6.43 crore covering the project area of 4,640 hectares. Till date, an amount of Rs. 2.84 crore has been released.